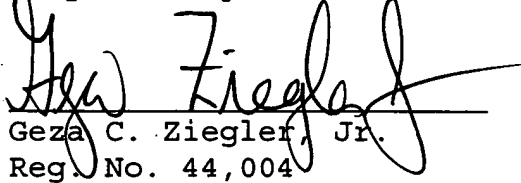


#### IV. REMARKS

The specification and abstract are amended. Claims 1-18 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 19-37 are new and being presented for examination in this continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/867,738.

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